

Concerning payment method: With 1.3 billion dollars in approved payments unclaimed, it is clear the process isn't working. When the school files form 486, the vendor should be notified by the SLC to begin providing discounted bills to the billed entity. The use of the BEAR process adds an unnecessary layer to the reimbursement procedure and places an additional and unnecessary paperwork burden on inadequate school personnel. The BEAR process should be eliminated. At a minimum, the billed entity should have the final determination of which payment option to use, not the service provider.